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William Benton, Esq.
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Dear Bill:

I found your letter of 30 October, after my return from Princeton. As regards the Princeton meeting, I wrote Frank Pace that I thought that if we advisers were to be of any use, the agenda for the meeting should give us a chance to get our teeth into something a little more practical and substantive than we discussed on the 31st.

With regard to the trip you mention, I should be glad to be of help, and mentioned it to Foster the other day. Of course, this matter is one for the State Department to decide. They know of my interest in obtaining all possible information on current developments in China, which are dramatic and may have very far-reaching consequences. Certainly I would welcome it if you could have a chance to do in the field of education in China what you so effectively did with regard to the Soviet Union. STAT

I suggest you talk to the Department, at a policy level, when you are next in Washington, and see whether anything could be worked out.

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Faithfully yours,

/s/

(Signed) ALLEN W. DULLES

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October 30, 1958

The Honorable
Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Allen:

I am just back from Minnesota where I have been visiting with Senator Humphrey. I have told him of my desire to go to China as publisher of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. I know you will remember the welcome you gave my reports on my evenings of dictation when I was in the U.S.S.R. Wouldn't you welcome a similar report from China?

If I were given a passport and visa I'm sure my status as publisher of Encyclopaedia Britannica would give me remarkable status in Peiping.

Senator Humphrey is going to take up my application with the State Department. Might I count on your support?

Sincerely,

William Benton

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